

Slade Gorton



OVERVIEW

Mr. Gorton presently serves as Of Counsel to K&L Gates after spending 18 years representing Washington state in the United States Senate.

Mr. Gorton's years in the Senate saw him appointed to powerful committee posts including the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees; Budget; Commerce, Science and Transportation; and Energy and Natural Resources. Mr. Gorton served as the chairman of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee (1995-2001), the Commerce Subcommittees on Consumer Affairs (1995-99), and Aviation (1999-2000). He was a member of the Republican leadership as counsel to the majority leader (1996-2000).

He was the first permanent appointment to the 9-11 Commission and served on the War Powers Commission.

Mr. Gorton began his political career in 1958 as a Washington state representative; he went on to serve as state House majority leader. In 1968, Mr. Gorton was elected attorney general of Washington state where he argued 14 cases before the United States Supreme Court. In June 1980, Mr. Gorton received the Wyman Award, the highest honor accorded by the National Association of Attorneys General.

Mr. Gorton also served on the president's Consumer Advisory Council (1975-77) and on the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission from 1969-1981. He was chairman of the Washington State Law & Justice Commission (1969-76), and served as an instructor in constitutional law to public administration graduate students at the University of Puget Sound (1977).

EDUCATION

LL.B., Columbia University, 1953

B.A., Dartmouth College, 1950 (magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa)